

Expressways in the country

374. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken up any expressways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government have taken the land from farmers for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the compensation paid to them during the last three years; and
- (e) the present status of expressways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway is already functional since January, 2003. The Government has approved construction of 1000 kms. Expressways in the country under Phase-VI of National Highways Development Project.

(b) to (e) The section of Vadodara-Mumbai (400 kms.) has been identified and the bids for appointment of consultant has been received which are under process of evaluation. The other 600 kms. will be identified on the basis of traffic volume from other high density corridors from Delhi-Chandigarh (249 km.) on NH-1 and NH-22, Bangalore-Chennai (334 km.) on NH-4, Delhi-Jaipur (261 km.) on NH-8, Delhi-Meerut (66 km.) on NH-58, Kolkata-Dhanbad (277 km.) on NH-2 and Delhi-Agra (200 km.) on NH-2.

Road fatalities

375. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the road fatalities on Delhi roads are on the higher side as compared to other metro cities;
- (b) if so, the road fatalities in all metro cities during the last three years; and